

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of providing an additional service to a user of a communication company's communication service, the method comprising providing an additional service to the user who receives a call through the communication service of the communication company, in accordance with a communication time of the call, wherein a calling party of the call, not the user who receives the call, is charged for the call.

2. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the additional service is a discount of a communication charge to be paid by the user who is not charged for the call, the discount calculated in accordance with the communication time.

3. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the communication company provides the additional service in accordance with the communication time and the amount of communication.

4. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the communication company provides the additional service in accordance with the length of time the calling party uses the communication services of the communication company.

5. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the communication company provides the additional service in accordance with (i) a communication time for which the calling party uses the communication services of the communication company and (ii) a communication time for which the calling party does not use the communication services of the communication company.

6. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the communication company provides the additional service in accordance with (i) a communication time for which the calling party uses the communication services of the communication company and (ii) a communication time not related to the communication services of the communication company used by the calling party.

7. (Currently Amended) A method of providing an additional service to a user of a communication company's communication service, the method comprising providing the additional service to the user who receives a call through the communication service of the communication company, in accordance with the amount of communication of the call, wherein a calling party of the call, not the user who receives the call, is charged for the call.

8. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 7, wherein the additional service is a discount of a communication charge to be paid by the user who is

not charged for the call, the discount calculated in accordance with amount of communication.

9. (Currently Amended) An additional-service providing apparatus used by a communication company that provides communication services, comprising:

informing means for informing a user, who uses the communication services of the communication company, of a call sent to the user; and

providing means for providing at least one additional service to the user in accordance with the time of communication of the call, wherein a calling party of the call, not the user who informed of the call, is charged for the call.

10. (Currently Amended) An additional-service providing apparatus used by a communication company that provides communication services, comprising:

sending means for sending a call to a user[[,]] who uses the communication services of the communication company; and

providing means for providing at least one additional service to the user in accordance with the amount of communication of the call, wherein a calling party of the call, not the user the call is sent to, is charged for the call.

11. (Currently Amended) A computer program product loadable into the internal memory of a digital computer, comprising program code portions for performing the steps of:

measuring a communication time of a call to a user through a communication service of a communication company; and

providing an additional service to the user according to the communication time of the call measured by said program code for measuring a communication time, wherein a calling party of the call, not the user who receives the call, is charged for the call.

12. (Currently Amended) A computer program product loadable into the internal memory of a digital computer, comprising program code portions for performing the steps of:

measuring the communication amount of a call to a user through a communication service of a communication company; and

providing an additional service to the user according to the communication amount of the call measured by said program code for measuring the communication amount, wherein a calling party of the call, not the user who receives the call, is charged for the call.

13. (Currently Amended) A communication system comprising an accumulator for accumulating at least one of a communication time and an amount of communication of a call,

wherein an additional service is provided to a called party of the call according to the value of the accumulator, and wherein a calling party of the call, not the called party, is charged for the call.

14. (Previously Presented) A communication system according to claim 13, further comprising a discount calculator for calculating a discount on a communication charge to be paid by a user to a communication company.

15. (Currently Amended) A communication system in which a called party is connected to a first switching office and a calling party is connected to a second switching office, the system comprising:

a third switching office for determining whether a communication service between the called party and the first switching office and a second communication service between the calling party and the second switching office are provided by the same communication company, and

wherein at least one additional service is provided to the called party according to the determination made by said third switching office, and wherein the calling party, not the called party, is charged for a call to the called party, and wherein the additional service is provided according to the communication time or the communication amount of the call provided to the called party.

16. (Previously Presented) A communication system according to Claim 15, further comprising a fourth switching office for selecting one of a plurality of communication companies for connecting the called party according to (i) a system requirement in each of the plurality of communication companies, (ii) a condition required

by the calling party, and (iii) a condition required by the called party when the plurality of communication companies provide communication services for the called party.

17. (Original) A communication system according to Claim 16, wherein the fourth switching office comprises setting means for setting the required conditions,
wherein a subscriber makes a call to a predetermined phone number to access said setting means.

18. (Original) The method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of measuring the communication time.

19. (Original) The method according to claim 7, further comprising the step of measuring the amount of communication.

20. (Original) The additional service providing apparatus of Claim 9, further comprising time measuring means for measuring a communication time of the call.

21. (Original) The additional service providing apparatus of Claim 10, further comprising time measuring means for measuring an amount of communication during the call.

22. (Original) The communication system of Claim 14, further comprising a charge calculator for calculating a communication charge in accordance with a value held by said accumulator.

23. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 1, wherein the user receives the call via a radio line of one of a plurality of communication companies.

24. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 1, wherein another communication company provides a communication service to the calling party, and the user and the calling party are connected through a first switching office of the communication company and a second switching office of said another communication company.

25. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 7, wherein the user receives the call via a radio line of one of a plurality of communication companies.

26. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 7, wherein another communication company provides a communication service to the calling party, and the user and the calling party are connected through a first switching office of the communication company and a second switching office of said another communication company.

27. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to Claim 9, wherein said informing means informs the user of the call via a radio line of one of a plurality of communication companies.

28. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to Claim 9, wherein another communication company provides a communication service to the calling party, and the user and the calling party are connected through a first switching office of the communication company and a second switching office of said another communication company.

29. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to Claim 10, wherein said informing means informs the user of the call via a radio line of one of a plurality of communication companies.

30. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to Claim 10, wherein another communication company provides a communication service to the calling party, and the user and the calling party are connected through a first switching office of the communication company and a second switching office of said another communication company.

31. (Previously Presented) The system according to Claim 13, wherein the called party receives the call via a radio line of one of a plurality of communication companies.

32. (Previously Presented) The system according to Claim 13, wherein a first communication company provides a communication service to the calling party, a second communication company provides a communication service to the called party, and the called party user and the calling party are connected through a first switching office of the first communication company and a second switching office of the second communication company.

33. (Previously Presented) The system according to Claim 15, wherein the called party receives the call via a radio line of one of a plurality of communication companies.